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12. Jerry? You know when you get sour-dough all shaken
13. around.....

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(CALLS) Jerry.....

(OFF) Hello

1. BESS: Jerry, why don't you take this package of prepared
 2. pancake flour along? Then if anything happens.....
 3. JERRY: Aw no, Mrs. Robbins, that's too bulky for what there
 4. is in it....(FADING) Don't worry. That sourdough's
 5. going to be alright.
 6. SLIGHT PAUSE
 7. FADE IN SOUND OF MULE WITH THE HEAVES BACK
 8. SLIM: (FADING IN) Easy now, Bertha...Easy now...No sir, Jim.
 9. Bertha was all right when I brought her up from the
 10. barn just now. I tell you it's somethin' in the package
 11. that's makin' her heave like that. Bertha's awful
 12. sensitive....
 13. JIM: Bertha's just a spavined old busted-down bag of hay...
 14. HEAVING UP
 15. SLIM: There Bertha, there now, take it easy, Bertha...Jim
 16. you hadn't ought to say things like that when Bertha's
 17. sufferin' like she is. I tell you she's awful
 18. sensitive...
 19. JERRY: (COMING ON) What's gone wrong with that old oat-eater
 20. now? Why'd you have to bring her along on this trip
 21. anyhow, Slim?
 22. JIM: Yeah. Why don't you take Bertha back down to the
 23. pasture, Slim.....and bring up Sandy or one of the other
 24. mules we can depend on.....
 25.

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SLIM: Now Jim, Bertha's the most dependable mule in the string. And besides that she wants to go along.... I asked her. She gets a kick out of these back country trips this time of the year. No sir, there's nothin' wrong with Bertha -- it's just somethin' in these here packs that she smells.

JERRY: Huh! If she smells anything it'd be that bag of oats we're takin' along.

JIM: Yeah. Somebody's going to have to sleep on that bag of oats to keep her from gettin' into it and founderin' herself.

SLIM: You fellers just ain't sympathetic. You don't understand.....

JERRY: Say, did either one of you fellows see a little jug anywhere around here?

JIM: Jug? What kind of a jug, Jerry? What'd you have in it?

JERRY: It was just a little brown earthen jug, Jim, with a hold-fast lid on it. I had some ... well, never mind what was in it.

JIM: Sounds suspicious to me.

JERRY: Naw, Jim, it's all right. Just a little surprise... Dawgonit, I had it set aside special so I could pick it up at the last minute and put it in my saddle bag. Slim, you didn't menti it up with the rest of the grub here, did you?

SLIM: I don't remember seein' no jug. But I loaded up everything you had set out here.

JIM: Well, it doesn't make any difference, does it, Jerry? If Slim put it in one of the other packs it'll ride....

JERRY: No sir, that jug's got to be carried upright. That's the reason I set it aside so I could give it special attention.

SLIM: Well Jerry, what'd you have in it? Maybe I did.....

JERRY: Deggone it, I wasn't gonna tell you what I had in it. But that was my sourdough pot, and I had sourdough in it.

SLIM: Sourdough? Jim, I told you it was somethin' in these packs that was makin' Bertha heave like that. Bertha's... what's that they call it?...Allergic to sourdough, that's what she is. Just like some folks is to ragweed.

JERRY: Well, if you've got my sourdough loaded on Bertha get it off.

JIM: Now wait a minute here. We can't take time....

BERTHA HEAVING AND BUCKING

SLIM: Whoa, Bertha. Take it easy girl. We'll get that stuff off you.....

MUSIC INTERLUDE

FADE IN SOUND OF HORSES ON TRAIL, PULLING UP

JIM: Whoa, Dolly, Whoa.... Well this is it, Jerry. Here's where we camp.

JERRY: Hold up, Spark....Looks good to me, Jim. Nice spring and plenty of feed for the horses.

SOUND OF BERTHA HEAVING

SLIM: Hey now, Bertha....whoa...It's that sourdough again, Jerry. Bertha's got her nose right up under your saddle bags.

JERRY: Well, get 'er out of here! If she had a chance she'd probably put her nose right in it...the old fool. Get back there, Bertha. Move!

JIM: (CHUCKLES) Sourdough Camp.

JERRY: Never you mind, Jim. We got it here all right...and you'll be plenty ready to eat sourdough cakes in the morning.

SLIM: Is that what they call this place, Jim? Sourdough Camp? Bertha won't like it if.....

JIM: No. No. I was just talkin', Slim. They call this place Chinaman Graveyard Meadows.

JERRY: In that case Bertha ought to be right at home.

SLIM: Say, you mean there's a bunch of dead Chinamen buried somewhere close around here, Slim? Say, maybe we oughta.....

JIM: No, there's nobody buried here, Slim. (SOUND OF HORSE MOVING) Whoa, Dolly. Soon as I get this saddle off you and the hobbles on, you can shake all you want to.

JERRY: How did they ever light on a name like Chinamen
Graveyard Meadows, Jim? Looks like this spot's pretty
enough to deserve a better name than that.

JIM: Well, according to the story, Jerry, this used to be
a big Chinese camp. During the old gold rush days
there was a lot of placer diggin' up in this country
and the Chinese that worked around the camps came in
here about sixty strong. But like in most of the gold
countries in the early days, the old sourdough
prospectors decided the Chinese didn't belong here
and they decided to run 'em out. So they chased off
a few of 'em as a gentle hint to vamoose but somehow
or other the Chinese didn't seem to be much impressed
and kept staying around. So finally, the way it was
told to me, a bunch of about thirty miners came up here
one night and proceeded to take dynamite and blow the
whole camp clean off the map.

JERRY: H-m-m. Nice mild mannered people, those old miners.

SLIM: Well Jim, there's another place to camp just.....

JIM: Never mind, Slim, there won't be any ghosts... (YELLS)
Hey, what the....

SOUND OF BERTHA HEAVING

JERRY: It's Bertha, Jim. Hey, you thievin' old crow-bait.
Get out of there.

SLIM: Bertha! Git!

JERRY: If I hadn't set that sourdough on that sack of oats she'd a had 'em spilled all over the place. (FADING)
Go on, you moth-eaten, long-eared, blue, bald-headed, bat-eyed, good-for-nothing. Get!

SLIGHT PAUSE

SOUND OF BATTER BEING MIXED IN BOWL

JIM: Say Jerry, I wouldn't beat that sourdough batter too hard or too much. The way I always did it was to mix the flour in easy in the evening and then beat it good in the morning.

JERRY: All right. I'll admit I never had much practice with the stuff.

JIM: (CHUCKLES) Well, you're the cook this trip, and now's as good a time as any for you to find out.

JERRY: What's worryin' me is how I'm gonna keep it warm all night so it'll work good.

SLIM: That stuff'll work all right, Jerry. You don't need to keep it warm to make it work.

JERRY: What I figured I'd do was to set it here in front of the banked up campfire, not too close or anything, and then put this sack of oats up against it in behind.

JIM: (CHUCKLES) Uh huh. Are you gonna put that tight lid on the crock, too?

JERRY: Sure I'm gonna put the lid on. I don't want the frost settlin' in on top of the dough...There now. She's all set for morning. Boy when you birds bite into these hot cakes.....

JIM: That'll be the best all right. But right now I'm gonna call it a day and hit the hay.

JERRY: Slim there's already rolled in. What's a matter, Slim? Too much ridin' today?

JIM: (CHUCKLES) Slim's got to get his sleep so he can get up in time to wrangle that pet mule of his.

SLIM: (SLIGHTLY OFF) No sir, Jim. I'm not worryin' none about Bertha. She won't go far as long as she knows there's a pen of cats waitin' for her in the mornin'. But I been thinkin' about them blasted Chinamen that was sposed to of been livin' here. And it gives me a right uncomfortable.....

JERRY: Aw go to sleep, Slim. There a ren't any Chinese ghosts gonna haunt you up in here. That's just another one of those Wild West stories you're all the time readin' about.

JIM: (FADING & CHUCKLES) Sure Slim. Don't let a few Chinamen worry you. Go to sleep.

SLIGHT PAUSE

FADE IN SOUND OF SNOWING WITH SOUND OF HORSE BELLS FAINTLY IN DISTANCE

SLIM: (GROANS IN SLEEP MUMBLES A FEW WORDS THEN SHOUTS) Hey! Look out! There she goes. Get out of the way!

JERRY: (WAKING UP) Hey, what's....What's the matter?!

JIM: (WAKING UP) Uh....H-m-m...Guess it was Slim talkin' in his sleep, Jerry.

SLIM: Look at 'em! All over the place!

JIM: Hey Slim. Wake up. You're dreamin'.

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3. JIM: Huh?

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 15. in the morning, Jerry.

16. MUSIC: FINALE

17. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers come to you each Friday on
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TRIALS

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